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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Customer No. 026418  
Attorney's Docket No.: GK-ZEI-3102/500343.20098 Examiner: Gagliardi, A.  
Applicant(s): Ralf WOLLESCHENSKY, et al.  
U.S. Application No.: 09/924,315 Group Art Unit: 2878  
Filing Date: August 7, 2001  
Title of Invention: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RAPID CHANGE OF  
FLUORESCENCE BANDS IN THE DETECTION OF DYES  
IN FLUORESCENCE MICROSCOPY

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**Amendment**

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In response to an Office Action dated April 23, 2003, please amend the application as follows.

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